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Letter dated 28 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

I have the honour to write to you in your capacity as Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, to transmit a communique from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela protesting the action taken by immigration officials of the Government of the United States of America against the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Mr. Nicolás Maduro Moros, on 23 September 2006 at John F. Kennedy Airport in New York (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

(Signed) Francisco Javier **Arias Cárdenas**
Ambassador
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Annex to the letter dated 28 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

Communiqué

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and expresses its strong protest at the action taken by immigration officials of the Government of the United States of America against the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Mr. Nicolás Maduro Moros, on 23 September 2006 at John F. Kennedy Airport in New York.

The act in question is a gross violation of international law in that the illegal deprivation of liberty suffered by the Foreign Minister contravenes article 105 of the Charter of the United Nations, article IV, section 11 of the 1945 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and article IV, section 11 of the 1947 Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela categorically demands a public apology, at the international level, from the Government of the United States of America, as well as the adoption of the appropriate measures in response to this unfriendly, condemnable and unacceptable act committed against the highest authority of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela would be grateful to the Embassy of the United States of America for transmitting this message to the competent authorities of its Government and for providing a timely reply, and takes this opportunity to convey to it the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.